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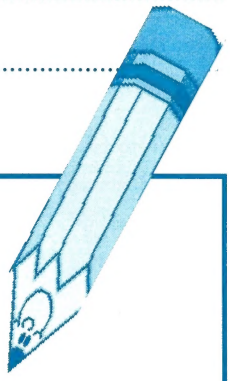
I Am

I am..... .....
(name two special characteristics you have)
I hear.....
(name an imaginary sound)
I see.....
(name something you see)
I want .....
(name a strong desire)
I feel .....
(name something you feel strongly)
I wonder .....
(name something you are curious about)
I say .....
(name something you believe in)
I dream .....
(name something you dream about)
I pretend.....
(name something you pretend to do)
I try .....
(name something you really make an effort about)
I hope .....
(name something you actually hope for)
I am.....
(repeat the first line of poem you have created about yourself!)



This Magazine is mine
By right divine
And if it goes astray
I'll call you kind
My desk to find
And put it safe away

My Name:.....

My Class:.....

My Teacher:.....

My Best Friend:.....

My School:.....

My Motto This Year is:.....

My Hero:.....

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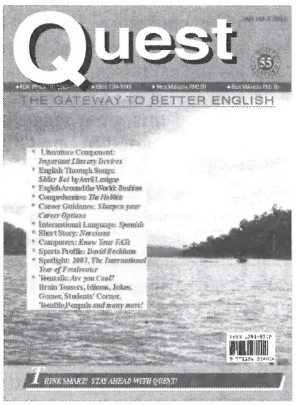

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FROM YOU *to* Us...

The contests in QUEST help to sharpen our minds. However, I have a suggestion to make. I wish QUEST would publish a new corner, like words in different languages with their meanings, so that readers will learn something new. I hope QUEST will think it over this suggestion. If we learn many languages it will help us in future. I wish QUEST all the best and good luck.

Nathalia Ann
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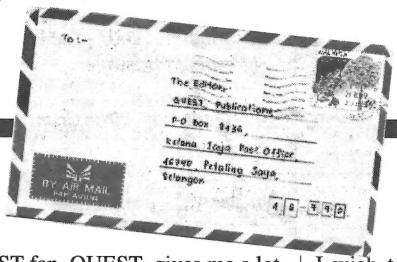

I'm a QUEST fan. QUEST gives me a lot of benefits. I have been reading QUEST since I was in Form Two. Although I have completed SPM examination now, I am still buying QUEST because QUEST continues to help me improve my English further. The corner that I like best is *Teenfile*. Please give us more information and help to build a healthy community of young people.

Alyaa Zahidah Mohd Zuhari
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I am a big fan of QUEST. It is a marvellous magazine for all students to improve their English. I really like your articles. They are easy to understand. QUEST is suitable for all students. Congratulation to the editorial board for the stupendous work! Last, but not least, I hope that QUEST could be distributed to more bookstores in Kelantan.

Noordini A Aziz
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I started reading QUEST Magazine two years ago. Since reading QUEST, my English results have improved a lot. I shall be receiving a prize soon for scoring the highest mark in my form during the year-end English examination. Thanks, QUEST!

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Yee Shuh Ying
Sabah

I wish to thank QUEST for being my 'partner' during the past few years. It has helped me to improve my English from 'B' to 'A'. I hope QUEST will keep up the good work.

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I started reading QUEST since year 2000 after my neighbour introduced it to me. I have improved my grammar a lot through reading QUEST. I suggest that there be more contests such as writing composition.

Anita
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My teacher introduced QUEST to me when I was in Form 3. I really like it. I have a suggestion. Can you include a section on poems and moral values?

Rev
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*I was exposed to this interesting educational magazine by my teacher, Ms Rabiah. In my opinion, all students should have this useful magazine in order to succeed in the English language. Therefore, I would like to encourage all my friends to have this learning material. Lastly, I hope all Form 3 students of SM Sains Kuching will pass their PMR examination with flying colours.

Donovan Bernard
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Sarawak

QUEST is indeed a wonderful magazine for students like me. It does improve our English and vocabulary. When I spotted QUEST in the bookstore, I knew I had found my dream magazine. I was impressed by its articles and exercises. From that day, I became one of QUEST's thousands of fans. I introduced this great magazine to my friend and she started to buy QUEST, too! Thanks, QUEST. You make English fun and interesting to learn.

Lau Yi Von
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I am a keen subscriber of QUEST. I used to read QUEST since I was nine, as my brother encouraged me to read QUEST. But I stopped reading for quite some time as I couldn't find QUEST easily. But last year, I spotted QUEST at a bookstand and I was so glad. QUEST has indeed succeeded in helping me improve my English skills and has also helped me in widening my scope of vocabulary. It has also helped tremendously in increasing my knowledge. Now, smiles always emerge on my parents' faces when they see my marks in English. Thanks for your help. All the best and may QUEST be a partner to all the students.

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QUEST magazine is the best magazine I have ever read. I knew about it from one of my friends. Since I love reading it, I began to subscribe to QUEST. I like all the sections in QUEST magazine. I wish QUEST will be published throughout the world. Even though QUEST is published every three months I think it is worth the wait because of its quality. Thanks, QUEST.

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Important Literary Devices in English Literature

by Margaret Daniel

Welcome back! Hope you enjoyed your school holiday break. Well, it's back to work now. For the first issue of 2003, we shall take a look at some important literary terms or devices that will help you to understand your literature texts. These literary devices are found in poems, short stories as well the novel.

Metaphor

A metaphor is an indirect form of comparison which means to say that one thing is another.

For example:
my love is a red, red rose (to compare a person's love to a beautiful red rose that has just bloomed)

My fingers are ice.
(to say that a person's fingers are extremely cold like ice.)

Simile

Similes are simpler forms of comparison that a writer makes between two things using the words *as* or *like.*

For example:
my love is *like* a red, red rose

My fingers are *as* cold *as* ice/ My fingers are *like* ice

My heart is singing *like* a bird

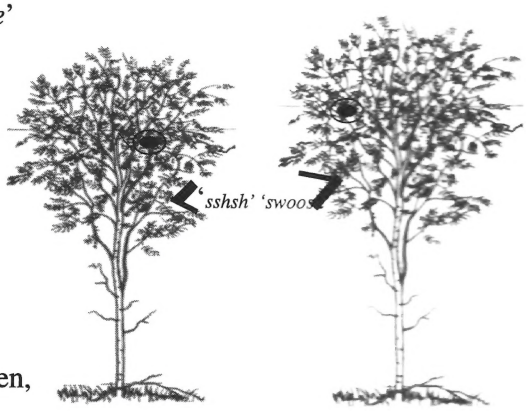
Personification

Personification means giving human or life- like qualities to non- human beings / objects. In other words, speaking of a thing as if it were a person.

For example:

The daffodils danced in the wind
The sun smiled down at me

In the first example, the daffodils are described to be '*dancing in the wind*' to picture the flowers moving about as the strong wind is blowing. In the second example, the sun is '*smiling down at me*' suggests that it is a bright, sunny day. Other examples are;



the trees are whispering close together
to describe the rustling sound of trees

The journey was a loyal teacher
The journey is given the quality of a keen, untiring teacher.

Irony

Irony means saying the opposite of what one actually means.

For example;

Lovely weather we're having (when it is rainy or stormy)

Some party that was (to suggest that the party was lousy or boring)

Euphenism

Euphenism is an inoffensive word or expression which is used in place for a word that is thought to be offensive or taboo such as death.

For example: *to pass away* (to die)

Dark parade (funeral procession)

Symbol

Symbols are anything that can represent something else.

Examples:

Key – symbol of freedom

Light – symbol of direction/ guidance in life

Rose – symbol of beauty

White – symbol of peace, purity

Imagery

Imagery are words that create colourful images in the reader's mind to appeal to the sense of sight, sound, smell, taste or touch.

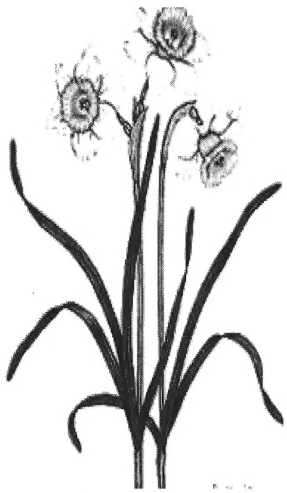
Examples:

A sea of pale gold and purple wild flowers danced joyously
(sense of sight)

The bird bit an angle worm and ate it raw (sense of taste)

I felt the rush of the glorious waves as I lay by the shore
(sense of touch)

The sweet smell of fresh ros the air (sense of smell)



Well, these are some of the important literary terms that you need to be familiar with. They will also help you to read and understand your poems, short stories and novels better. Now, can you look for examples of the devices mentioned above in your Literature text book? I'm sure you will find lots of them in either in the poems, short stories or the novel. Have fun and enjoy reading Literature!

Apostrophe

The apostrophe has three uses.

1. **It is used to indicate ownership.**
2. **It is used in contractions.**
3. **It also used to form plurals of letters and numbers.**

Apostrophes to indicate ownership

Add 's to the singular form of the word.
Example:
Nizam's bicycle. (the bicycle owned by Nizam)

What if the singular word ends in -s?
You still add 's.
Example: Haris's hand

However, some people prefer to add only the apostrophe, without the final -s to avoid awkward sounds.
Example: Haris' hand

It is up to you but the first way is less confusing.
Add 's to the plural forms that do not end in -s.
Example: The children's playground.

Add ' to the end of plural nouns that end in -s:
Example: My two sisters' boyfriends

Add 's to the end of compound words:
Example: My brother-in-law's car

Add 's to the last noun to show joint possession of an object:
Example: Taib and Julia's house.

Apostrophes used in contractions

A contraction is a word in which one or more letters have been omitted. To show this omission an apostrophe is used. The apostrophe is placed where the omitted letter(s) would go.
Examples:
don't = do not
I'm = I am
he'll = he will
who's = who is
shouldn't = should not
didn't = did not
'60 = 1960

Apostrophes used to form plurals of letters and numbers

To form the plural of a letter or number place the apostrophe and s ('s) after the letter or number.

Examples:
Shamin got seven A's in his examination.
There are four 8's on on this ticket.

Exercises

Insert the proper apostrophes.

1. Nizams shoes need to be washed.
2. The womens clothes are on the second floor.
3. His three brothers grades were excellent.
4. My brother-in-laws business is doing very well.
5. My grandfather and grandmothers house is by the river.
6. I dont know but Im sure he will understand whos right.
7. You didnt do that did you?
8. You should not have gone there.
9. Bell-bottom trousers were the trend in the 60.
10. I am hoping to get seven As in my PMR.
11. There are three 5s on this ticket.

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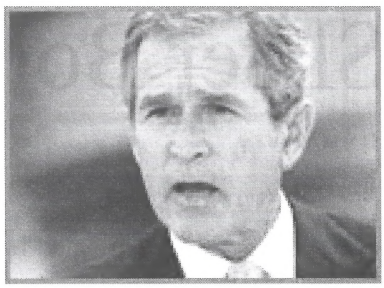
Who's mistaken, anyway?



'Make no mistake about it - one of President Bush's favourite phrases

What are some of words and most overused cliches that people are tired of hearing? They include President Bush's favoured words 'make no mistake about it', 'weapons of mass destruction', and 'homeland security'.

Others include words from the media such as 'now, more than ever' and 'must see TV'.

Overused cliches, wordy redundancies and hyperbolic phrases were compiled by the public relations staff at Lake Superior State University. The yearly compilation began in 1976. This year's list of 23 worn-out words and phrases.

Irritating words to hear were the overused 'having said that', 'that said,' 'one challenges after another in their lives', 'mental mistake', frozen tundra, and 'untimely death'. Has anyone yet died a timely death?

Something to Do

What are some of the words and phrases that irritate you? Think of advertisements that don't make sense, deejays and radio announcers who keep repeating certain overused cliches and salesmen or saleswomen.

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Beijing seeks to root out 'Chinglish'

Have you been confused by mis-spelt signs? Just imagine the confusion going through a person's mind when he reads a menu that offers 'fried lice' instead of 'fried rice'.

Mis-spelt words happens around the world. In Beijing, the city officials are on a mission to get rid of English mis-spellings in public places. They are embarrassed by English mis-spellings.

What would you do if you come across a road sign that says, To TAKE NOTICE OF SAFE, THE SLIPPERY ARE VERY CRAFTY'? Look out for a road that is about to chase you? What would you do if you come across a public toilet with the sign 'COLLECTING MONEY TOILET?

An Australian tourist wrote to a Chinese newspaper, "When I had dinner with my friends at a Chinese restaurant at the Temple of Heaven, it took us a while to realise that the 'crap' on the menu was, in fact, a mis-spelt but very tasty fish. The soft-fried 'pawns' are a sea food without 'r' and the bean eurd is, I presume, bean curd," she said.

The leader of a special panel of English experts said insufficient cultural exchanges between China and the West are partly to blame for the problem. He said Chinese people should learn more about the culture of Western countries, so that people can study and use a foreign language.

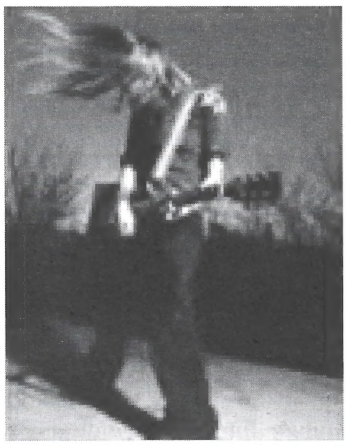
Sk8er Boi

by Avril Lavigne

He was a boy
She was a girl
Can I make it any more obvious
He was a punk
She did ballet
What more can I say
He wanted her
She'd never tell secretly she wanted him as well
But all of her friends
Stuck up their nose
They had a problem with his baggy clothes

He was a skater boy
She said see you later boy
He wasn't good enough for her
She had a pretty face
But her head was up in space
She needed to come back down to earth

5 years from now
She sits at home
Feeding the baby she's all alone
She turns on tv
Guess who she sees
Skater boy rockin up MTV
She calls up her friends
They already know
And they've all got
Tickets to see his show
She tags along
Stands in the crowd
Looks up at the man that she turned down



He was a skater boy
She said see you later boy
He wasn't good enough for her
Now he's a superstar
Slamming on his guitar
Does your pretty face see what he's worth?

He was a skater boy
She said see you later boy
He wasn't good enough for her
Now he's a superstar
Slamming on his guitar
Does your pretty face see what he's worth?

Sorry girl but you missed out
Well tough luck that boy's mine now
We are more than just good friends
This is how the story ends
Too bad that you couldn't see,
See the man that boy could be
There is more that meets the eye
I see the soul that is inside

He's just a boy
And I'm just a girl
Can I make it any more obvious
We are in love
Haven't you heard
How we rock each others world

I'm with the skater boy
I said see you later boy
I'll be back stage after the show
I'll be at the studio
Singing the song we wrote
About a girl you used to know

I'm with the skater boy
I said see you later boy
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I'll be at the studio
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Find the missing words

The missing words can be found in the song.

1. You record songs in a _____, don't you?
2. It is _____ that she was lying.
3. Ahmad sang a Japanese _____ on International Day.
4. Did you say she is not good _____ for him?
5. I have lost so much weight that all my clothes are _____.
6. When she puts on make-up she looks _____.
7. If you are _____ you are proud.
8. Stop dreaming and _____ to earth.
9. How much is that antique clock _____?
10. 'See you _____', I said.
11. My dog always _____ along with me when I go jogging.
12. I _____ to know him a long time ago.
13. We saw a_____ movie at the planetarium.
14. Hundreds of fans rushed up to singer after the _____.
15. I _____ a long letter to my penpal in Turkey.
16. He was strumming his _____ as I walked in.
17. My parents are still very much _____ with each other after being married for 20 years.
18. I used eye-drops to remove redness from my _____.
19. When I leave school I'd like to travel and see the _____.
20. I am glad my parents helped me to solve my _____.

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Idioms

1. **turn over a new leaf**: to begin a better way of behaving
2. **go down the drain**: completely wasted.
3. **up-and-coming**: progressing well
4. **zero hour**: the time at which something is fixed to begin
5. **let bygones be bygones**: to forgive and forget past wrongs
6. **draw a blank:** to be unsuccessful
7. **touch a chord**: to cause emotion in someone
8. **punch-up:** a fight
9. **chilled to the marrow:** very cold
10. **nest-egg:** something saved up for the future

EXERCISES

Find the correct idioms from the above to complete the sentences.

1. We were ..... when we arrived at the peak of Mt Kinabalu.
2. Siti NorDiyana is an ..... young artiste in Malaysia.
3. ..... to attack the country was midnight on 30 March.
4. The thief promised to ..... after leaving the prison.
5. A lot of food ..... when guests failed to turn up for the wedding.
6. The child's suffering ..... in the old man's heart.
7. The meeting ended in a ..... and the police had to be called in.
8. If you start saving your money now you will have a nice ..... when you start college.
9. .....s this new year and begin a new life.
10. Search for the missing child .....

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THAT'S NOT RIGHT-Lah!

1. A chair can't stand on three legs, isn't it?

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2. The noise fright you?

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3. They do nothing until the ambulance come

   .....

4. Didn't nobody teach you how to behave?

   .....

5. Borrow me your pen.

   .....

6. The buses full at five o'clock.

   .....

7. I can't stand hot.

   .....

8. What matter with her?

   .....

9. You don't know the answer, isn't it?

   .....

10. These things don't belong to you, isn't it?

    .....

11. Do you to go now?

    .....

12. Somebody taken my book while I was out.

    .....

13. I don't believe her, isn't it?

    .....

14. The nasi lemak is hot, isn't it?

    .....

15. My father work factory.

    .....

16. Where he going now?

    .....

17. What you doing there?

    .....

18. I don't going there very often.

    .....

19. What you doing while I was out?

    .....

20. Alina gone to shop.

    .....

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WORD POWER

See how the words are used in the sentences.

1. **disrupt** (v): cause to break down
   A heavy thunderstorm **disrupted** electricity throughout the village.

2. **tantrum** (n): childish outburst of temper
   The child put on a **tantrum** when he could not get his own way.

3. **tradition** (n): custom
   It is the **tradition** among the Chinese to give ang pow to children on Chinese New Year.

4. **voluble** (adj): talkative; speaking fluently
   The new girl in the class is a **voluble** person.

5. **wail** (v or n): expressing sorrow with prolonged loud cries.
   The family **wailed** (v) when they heard that their grandfather had died.
   Their **wails** (n) echoed throughout the ward.

6. **tolerable** (adj): endurable
   The journey up Gunung Tahan was tough but **tolerable**.

7. **vent** (v or n): to give release; an outlet
   Don't **vent** your anger on me!
   Hot air escapes through the **vent** in the roof.

8. **uneventfully** (adj): smoothly
   The election went on **uneventfully**.

9. **extinct** (adj): no longer existing.
   Tigers will soon be **extinct** if we destroy their habitat.

10. **cower** (v): crouch as in fright
    The dog **cowered** when it saw the boys approaching.

Did you see Lord of the Rings - Two Towers? Who was your favourite character in the story? Weren't the talking trees amazing? For all you fans of JKK Tolkien, here is an extract from one of his books 'The Hobbit'. Bilbo (the hobbit) is helping Gandalf the wizard and thirteen dwarfs in their attempt to defeat Smaug the dragon. On their journey they have many adventures. One of the these involves an encounter with giant spiders. Read on to find out what happened when they came face to face with the giant spiders.

JKK Tolkien

The Hobbit

Having made up his mind he crept along as cleverly as he could. Hobbits are clever at quietness, especially in woods, as I have already told you; also Bilbo had slipped on his ring before he started. That is why the spiders neither saw nor heard him coming.

He had picked his way stealthily for some distance, when he noticed a place of dense black shadow ahead of him, black even for that forest, like a patch of midnight that had never been cleared away. As he drew nearer, he saw that it was made by spider-webs one behind and over and tangled with another. Suddenly he saw, too, that there were spiders huge and horrible sitting in the branches above him, and ring or no ring he trembled with fear lest they should discover him. Standing behind a tree he watched a group of them for some time, and then in the silence and stillness of the wood he realised that these **loathsome** creatures were speaking one to another. Their voices were sort of thin creaking and hissing, but he could make out many of the words that they said. They were talking about the dwarves!

'It was a sharp struggle, but worth it,' said one. 'What nastly thick skins they have to be sure, but I'll **wager** there is good juice inside.'

'Aye, they'll make fine eating, when they've hung a bit,' said another.

'Don't hang 'em too long,' said a third. 'They're not as fat as they might be. Been feeding none too well of late, I should guess.'

'Kill 'em, I say,' hissed a fourth, 'kill 'em now and hang 'em dead for a while.'

'They're dead now, I'll **warrant**,' said the first.

'That they are not. I saw one a-struggling just now. Just coming round again, I should say, after a bee-autiful sleep. I'll show you.'

With that one of the fat spiders ran along a rope till it came to a dozen bundles hanging in a row from a high branch. Bilbo was horrified, now that he noticed them for the first time dangling in the shadows, to see a dwarfish foot sticking out of the bottoms of some of the bundles, or here and there the tip of a nose, or a bit of beard or of a hood.

To the fattest of these bundles the spider went - 'It is poor old Bombur, I'll bet,' thought Bilbo - and nipped hard at the nose that stuck out. There was a muffled yelp inside, and a toe shot up and kicked the spider straight and hard. There was life in Bombur still. There was a noise like the kicking of a **flabby** football, and the enraged spider fell off the branch, only catching itself with its own thread just in time.

The others laughed. 'You were quite right,' they said, ' the meat's alive and kicking!'

'I'll soon put an end to that,' hissed the angry spider climbing back onto the branch.

Bilbo saw that the moment had come when he must do something. He could not get up at the brutes and he had nothing to shoot with; but looking about he saw that in his

place there were many stones lying in what appeared to be a now dry little **watercourse**. Bilbo was a pretty fair shot with a stone, and it did not take him long to find a nice smooth egg-shaped one that fitted his hand cosily. As a boy he used to practise throwing stones at things, until rabbits and squirrels, and even birds, got out of his way as quick as lightning if they saw him stoop; and even grown-up he had still spent a deal of his time at **quoits,** dart-throwing, shooting at the wand, bowls, ninepins and other quiet games of aiming and throwing sort - indeed he could do lots of things, besides blowing smoke-rings, asking riddles and cooking, that I haven't had time to tell you about. There is no time now. While he was picking up stones, the spider had reached Bombur, and soon he would have been dead. At that moment Bilbo threw. The stone struck the spider plunk on the head, and it dropped senseless of the tree, flop to the ground, with all its legs curled up.

The next stone went whizzing through a big web, snapping its cords, and taking off the spider sitting in the middle of it, whack,

dead. After that there was a deal of commotion in the spider-colony, and they forgot the dwarves for a bit, I can tell you. They could not see Bilbo, but they could make a good guess at the direction from which the stones were coming. As quick as lightning they came running and swinging towards the hobbit, flinging out their long threads in all directions, till the air seemed full of waving snares.

Bilbo, however, soon slipped away to a different place.

Glossary

loathsome: disgusting
wager: bet
warrant: guarantee
flabby: soft
watercourse: a small river
quoits: a game of throwing

Reading for Understanding

1. What action showed that hobbits are clever at quietness?

2. Why didn't the spiders hear or see Bilbo?

3. Did Bilbo fear the spiders? Why?

4. In what sort of voices were the spiders talking?

5. What did they say about dwarves?

6. Why did the spider bite Bombur's nose?

7. Was Bombur dead?

8. What made the spider angry?

9. What was the spider going to do then?

10. What did Bilbo do?

11. Do you think Bilbo had acted bravely?

Answers on page 38

Phrases into Sentences

Match the correct beginnings from the right-hand column and turn the phrases on the left into sentences from story extract 'The Hobbit'.

Phrases	**Beginnings**
a. .....at quietness	Bilbo soon slipped away
b. .....like the kicking of a flabby football	Hobbits are clever
c. .....about the dwarves	The next stone went whizzing
d. .....to a different place	Bilbo was a pretty fair shot
e. .....with a stone	There was a noise
f. .....of waving snares	The stone struck the spider
g. .....plunk on the head	The air seemed full
h. .....through a big web	They were talking

Conjunctions

A conjunction is a word that joins words or groups of words together. Examples are '**and, but, although, as, since, while, if, where, because, after, when, before**'.

*See how the conjunction **before** is used to join the two pairs of sentences.*
Bilbo had slipped on his ring. He set out.
*Bilbo had slipped on his ring **before** he set out.*

Now join each of these pairs of sentences using the conjunction given in bold. Re-arrange them if necessary. Write your answers in your exercise book.

because	Bilbo had slipped on his ring. The spiders neither saw nor heard him coming.
when	Bilbo saw the spiders sitting in the tree. He trembled with fear.
while	He stood behind a tree. He watched the spiders for some time.
and	The stone went whizzing through a big web.It snapped its cords.
after	The spiders forgot the dwarved.Bilbo had thrown the stones
where	The spider went to the fattest of these bundles. There was a nose sticking out.
or	Bilbo was going to rescue the dwarves. Bilbo was going to die in the attempt.
if	Bombur would have been killed. Bilbo's stone had not hit the spider on the head.
although	The spiders were unable to catch the hobbit.The spiders came quickly running towards the hobbit.
but	Bilbo was terrified.He was determined to rescue the dwarves.

Answers on page 38

Word Puzzle

Can you solve the word puzzles by filling in the right answers? The word meanings on the right will help you.

1. E_ P T_ contains nothing
2. G_ _ SE plural of goose
3. F_ E_ K abnormal
4. M_ S_ R stingy person
5. S_ A_ E sheltered from sun
6. T_ I_ F a person who steals
7. C_ E_ M part of milk with fat
8. B_ A_ T animal
9. E_ A_ E rub
10. D_ A_ F a small person

Word Chains

Change only one letter at a time. Look at the example. The word GRASS has been changed to BLANK.
example:

GRASS
BRASS
BRASH
TRASH
CRASH
CLASH
FLASH
FLASK
FLANK
BLANK

Now change the word FLOUR to BREAD.
FLOUR
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BREAD

Good! Now change the word SALE to ROOM.
SALE
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ROOM

True or False?

Circle the right answers. The answers will surprise you!

		True	Untrue
1.	A cat has four legs.	B	H
2.	Cows eat chicken.	U	I
3.	Wood is lighter than stone.	M	R
4.	A baby dog is called a puppy.	D	A
5.	The sun gives solar energy.	S	N
6.	Shakespeare wrote The Lord of the Rings.	S	H
7.	Your trachea is called the windpipe.	A	H
8.	The euro is a currency.	V	A
9.	Elvis Presley is still alive.	V	E
10.	The national flower of Malaysia is the Orchid.	E	W
11.	Pulau Langkawi is also known as the Isles of Legends	I	A
12.	The Niah Caves are in Sabah.	R	N
13.	Carrots contain Vitamin A.	M	G
14.	Witty means clever and humourous.	S	D

Answers on page 38

Hola, Amigo!

That means 'Hello, friend' in Spanish. Since you wanted to learn a few words in different languages, we begin with Spanish, one of the fastest growing languages in the world. You can find many Spanish root words in the English language - like comico (comic), fiesta (a time of merrymaking) and siesta (afternoon nap).

If your knowledge of Spanish is limited to just 'pizza' here's how you can add more. Have fun showing off a few words of Spanish to your friends!

English	Spanish
hello	*hola*
goodbye	*adiós*
thank you	*gracias*
yes	*sí*
no	*no*
zero	*cero*
one	*uno*
two	*dos*
three	*tres*
four	*cuatro*
five	*cinco*
six	*seis*
seven	*siete*
eight	*ocho*
nine	*nueve*
ten	*diez*
eleven	*once*
twelve	*doce*
thirteen	*trece*
fourteen	*catorce*
fifteen	*quince*
sixteen	*dieciséis*
seventeen	*diecisiete*
eighteen	*dieciocho*
nineteen	*diecinueve*
twenty	*veinte*
thirty	*treinta*
forty	*cuarenta*
fifty	*cincuenta*

Describing a person in Spanish

bonito	pretty
bueno	good
cómico	funny
divertido	fun, amusing
aburrido	boring
alto	tall
bajo	short
guapo	good-looking
inteligente	intelligent
interesante	interesting
antipático	disagreeable
difícil	difficult
estricto	strict
feo	ugly
grande	big
malo	bad
pequeño	small
nuevo	new
rubio	blonde
simpático	nice

Guess the Colour

1. *blanco* .....
2. *negro* .....
3. *azul* .....
4. *verde* .....
5. *rojo* .....
6. *amarillo* .....
7. *café* .....
8. *rosado* .....
9. *morado* .....
10. *gris* .....

Answer. See upside down

1. white 2. black
3. blue 4. green
5. red 6. brown
7. orange 8. pink
9. purple 10. grey

The world's funniest joke

Do you want to know what's the world's funniest joke? Here it is, then...

Two hunters are out in the woods. One of them collapses. He doesn't seem to be breathing and his eyes are glazed. The other guy calls the emergency services on his handphone.

He gasps: "My friend is dead! What can I do?"

The operator says: "Calm down. First, let's make sure he's dead."

There is a silence, then a shot is heard.

The guys calls back on the phone: "OK, now what?"

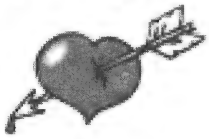
The joke is funny because people laughed at the stupidity of the hunter. They also laughed at how the hunter misunderstood the operator. The joke was unveiled in October 2002. For almost a year, people around the globe were invited to judge jokes using a joke measurement gauge called 'Giggleometer' on the internet.

The experiment was conducted by psychologist Richard Wiseman, from the University of Hertfordshire. It attracted almost two million ratings. It was the largest study of humour ever done.

Where's the brain's laughter centre?

Scans conducted on people being told jokes revealed that the brain's laughter centre is in a region near the back of the frontal lobes.

Jokes for Valentine's Day



Love is blind but marriage is an eye-opener.

Girl to her friend: Love is a matter of chemistry. That's why I treat my boyfriend like toxic waste.

Nina: My boyfriend told me I should be more loving.
Tina: And are you?
Nina: Yes, I got two more boyfriends.

Boy: Dad, how much does it cost to get married?
Father: I don't know, son. I'm still paying for it.

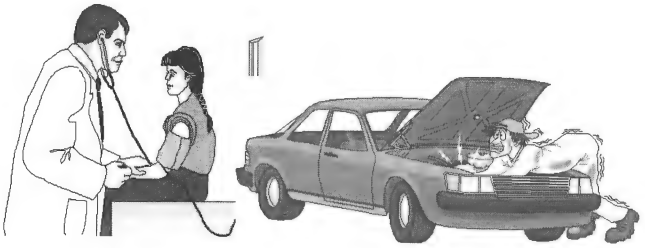
Dad: Son, remember, a man is incomplete until he is married. After that, he is finished.

Woman: Marriages are made in heaven.
Man: So are thunder and lightning.

Before marriage, a man **y**earns for the woman he loves.
After marriage, the '**y**' becomes silent.

Dad to son: Son, remember, a marriage has three rings - an engagement ring, a wedding ring, suffering.

SHARPEN YOUR CAREER OPTIONS



By ELINA KAMARUZZAMAN

In the last issue, we discussed means and ways to explore your prospective career. What happens if you do not have an inkling of what you are good at in order to set your career path? Tough question, but once you find your area of interest, you will learn to use your precious time more efficiently apart from being an expert in a particular field. Perhaps this area of interest will eventually lead you to your career or it may be something to think about if you have other areas of interest to explore.

So where do you start? Have you wished you could master something but was afraid to do so because you were afraid of failing? Wish no more! Get down to it! The following will help you harness your skills so that you can be an expert in the area you have chosen. If you are an expert in an area, you will go through life feeling more confident of yourself. You will also be able to use your time more efficiently instead of drifting through your idle time.

Now, say you have an interest in computers and would like to know how to create websites. What you could do is to learn more about this subject through the various modes of information available. You could scour through reference books at the library or surf the Net for more information. Learn every detail you need to create a website. Find out every terminology, concepts and ideas having to do with creating websites. Then, apply this knowledge.

Try creating your own website using the information that you have. If you find this confusing, seek help from friends or family members who may be familiar on this topic. Let's assume you are able to create a simple website. Now question yourself. How can I make it better? How can I make it more sophisticated? How can I make it more user-friendly? How can I make it more exciting? By asking these questions, you will open doors to more possibilities and will gain greater depth about websites. Thus, you enhance your understanding on this area and eventually become an expert.

Many people go into careers 'half-baked'. This means they know very little about what they are supposed to be good at. I am sure you have encountered some so-called specialists who look

dumfounded when you query them about the latest phenomenon pertaining to their area of expertise. These people take on their careers out of necessity, not because they have a genuine interest in them. Thus, when you ask them questions, they are not able to give you satisfactory answers and they are rarely have up-to-date information. This brings about individuals who are unable to give satisfactory service to people around them.

Your next step towards gaining more ground on your area of interest is to teach someone what you have learnt and discovered. When you share your knowledge with someone, you are 'forced' to know more about the subject. Your friend who may be learning from you may be asking the very same questions that you were asking before. Teaching someone something that you know will also make you remember what you have learnt better.

Once, you are able to teach someone, you will be ready for greater challenges. During a long holiday 'offer' your services to your family member by doing a project. Or you may now about a community organisation that could benefit from your expertise. You could create awareness by creating a website about the environment to inform people about the importance of recycling. This project will help you apply what you have learnt.

So once you have become an expert on creating websites, do you stop here? No, not this time. When you are in school, this is the time when you need to look at all the possible fields of human activity. This year it could be websites, next year could be delving into your culinary skills and starting the very same process of seeking information, questioning, asking, teaching someone and creating a challenge for yourself. Taking this course of action, you will always be learning something new and by the time you need to make a decision about your career, you would know what you are good at.

You would also know what will be just a hobby and what could be a service that can generate income. I remember attending a seminar where the speaker said that the future of employment lies in entrepreneurship. If you are a dynamic person and want to make a difference it is important to see how you can create a product or service that the public can use. Who ever thought that disposing garbage could be money-making. But look at how many companies that have been set up to recycle trash. I bet the guy who came out with this idea either had a passion for garbage or the environment!

I often look forward to see young people who are driven by their interest and passion. When they actually hold jobs, their work becomes their vocation. You know it when you meet these people that they know what they want and where they want to head in life. It would be a great shame if we go through life just drifting in jobs that were chosen by just following the crowd. Have a vision of what you want in your future. Learn new skills which may eventually be your area of expertise. As you explore, you will be able to have better control of your time and there will never be a dull moment for you.

Next issue, we will start looking at various career options and what are the skills, knowledge, attitude and prospects that come with it. Do drop me a line at mamaek@pc.jaring.my to tell me where you are heading!

David Beckham

What makes David Beckham world-famous? Is it the athletic, boyish blond good-looks? Or his extraordinary ability to score goals that leaves spectators breathless with excitement. Maybe. It could be his fame, wealth and that special irresistible appeal which spells 'star quality'. Also, being married to former Spice Girl, Victoria, makes him (and her, along with their two young sons) a hot topic in the media.

Beckham is an extremely talented player. He scores goals from a very, very long distance - sometimes as far as 57 yards! He is best soccer player in England. He is Manchester United's biggest draw.

David Robert Joseph Beckham was born May 2, 1975, in Leytonstone, England. At an early age Beckham showed remarkable skills in football. His football idol was Bobby Charlton, a famous English footballer. A quiet shy boy, he wanted to be the best soccer player in the world. When Beckham was just 11 years, he won the Bobby Charlton Soccer Skills Award.

In 1992, an opportunity as a substitute player revealed his great football talent. In 1993, he was signed up as a professional Manchester United player. He played in his first Champions League game and contributed a goal to the team's final win.

From 1996 onwards Beckham became known as an international player. He was also known to lose his temper sometimes whilst playing on the field. During the 1998 World Cup in France, Beckham kicked a player. As a result he was prevented from playing. His absence made England lose the game. His country was disappointed with him.

In 1999, Beckham won another F.A. Cup, and FIFA's World Player of the Year. He also won other titles such as the Intercontinental Cup and an English league title that same year.

Beckham redeemed himself in the eyes of English fans in a tense matchup with Argentina during the 2002 World Cup when he converted a penalty kick that eventually gave England the victory.

Talented, famous and rich, Beckham can't live like a normal family man. He, his wife and two sons live in a heavily guarded home - for fear of kidnappers. His sons and wife have been the target of kidnappers. Fame has a price!

If you see someone cheating or causing harm to people what would you do? Read how these women acted with courage when they saw something that was not right in the place they worked.

Women Who Made a Difference

Cynthia Cooper worked at WorldCom, a large company in the United States. She saw that the company's accounts were not being done honestly. She found out that the company had covered up US$3.8 billion in losses. She knew she could not just sit by and do nothing. But she also was aware what would happen if she revealed the wrong doings of the company her job. Her family depended on her and she can't afford to lose her job. She was in a dilemma. Finally, she decided that she had to do the right thing. She informed the company board.

Investigations followed. The people of United States were shocked! So were the employees of the WorldCom and the people who invested in the company. Some of the Cynthia Cooper's colleagues began to hate her for the trouble she put the company in. They kept away from her. She became depressed.

Another courageous woman was **Sherron Watkins**. She was the vice president of Enron, also a large company in the United States. She saw that the way the company was doing the accounts was not right. So she wrote a letter to the chairman of the company. Investigations followed. As with WorldCom, the exposure caused the loss of faith in big corporations among the public. A few months after the exposure Watkins left her job at Enron.

Coleen Rowley was a lawyer with the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation). She felt that Zacarias Moussaoui was a suspicious character. She asked her boss to investigate Zacarias. He overlooked. Later, investigations revealed that Zacarias was one of the men involved in the September 11 attack.

Cythia, Sherron and Rowley believed that their companies should serve not their own interests but that they should have a duty towards a wider world by being clean, efficient and honest. And if they didn't, workers should be courageous to speak out against corruption, inefficiency and dishonesty. Cythia, Sherron and Rowley were ordinary people who did not wait for their bosses to do what needed to be done. They themselves stepped in to expose the wrong doings. Their action is a step towards correcting the wrong doings of some people. It is the construction of a better world in the years to come.

Something to Discuss

1. 'If everyone kept silent about things that matter greatly to the world, then ...'
2. Think of about the unfinished sentence. Suppose you kept silent about a someone who empties poisonous wastes in a lake. What would happen to the fish in the lake?
3. Suppose you see a child being tortured by someone? Would you keep quiet? Why? What would you do?
4. What are some of the other things that matter greatly to the world? Why?
5. Discuss - 'Because man and woman complement one another, we need women's thoughts in governments to make a safe and stable world....'

NARCISSUS

Once upon a time... in Ancient Greece lived a young man called Narcissus, who was greatly admired, for he was very handsome. Narcissus was very proud of his perfect face and graceful body, and never lost the chance to look at his reflection in any sheet of water he happened to pass. He would lie for hours admiring his gleaming dark eyes, slender nose, slim hips and the mop of curly hair that crowned the perfect oval of his face. You would think a sculptor had come down from heaven to carve such a faultless body as a living image of mankind's love of beauty.

One day, Narcissus was walking close to a precipice where the clear waters of a cold mountain pool mirrored his beautiful face.

'You are handsome, Narcissus!' he told himself as he bent down to admire his reflection. 'There's nobody so handsome in the whole world! I'd love to kiss you.'

Narcissus was suddenly seized by the desire to kiss his own reflection and he leant closer to the water. But he lost his balance and toppled into the pool. Narcissus could not swim and so he drowned. But when the gods discovered that the most beautiful being on earth had died, they decided that such beauty could not be forgotten.

The gods turned Narcissus into a scented flower which, to this day, blossoms in the mountains in spring, and which is still called Narcissus.

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THINKING AND LEARNING IN ENGLISH

Hello, Kids!

Welcome to Junior QUEST. Junior QUEST is created especially for you because your mom and dad have been asking us for a magazine - just for you! So, pull out the middle two pages and Junior QUEST becomes your very own magazine!

We hope you will enjoy the story, games and exercises. They are created to make you think so that you shine - like a bright star.

Since it is your magazine, write and tell me what you would like to see in it. Send your letter to the address below. You can also send your letter with your big brother or sister's letter. Mark it 'Junior QUEST', okay?

Happy learning!

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ANIMAL QUIZ ★

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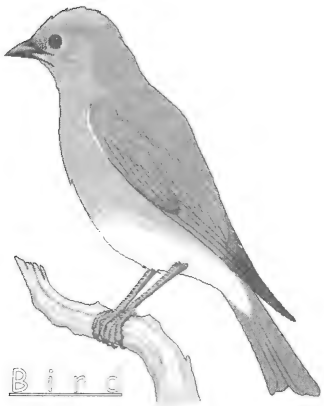
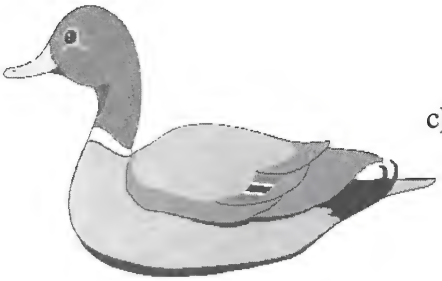


Bird

Example:

a) I am very big. I am grey. I have four legs. I have huge ears and a trunk.

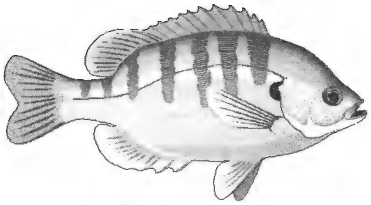
b) I am small. I have feathers. I have two legs. I have a beak. My wings help me to fly.



Duck

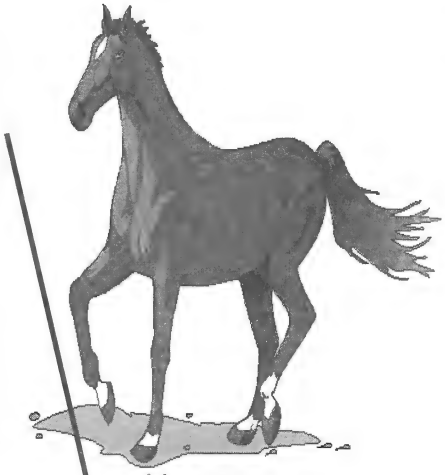
c) I am small. I live in water. I have gills which help me to breathe in water. I have a body which can be slippery.

d) I live on land as well as on water. I have feathers. I have funny feet and a beak.

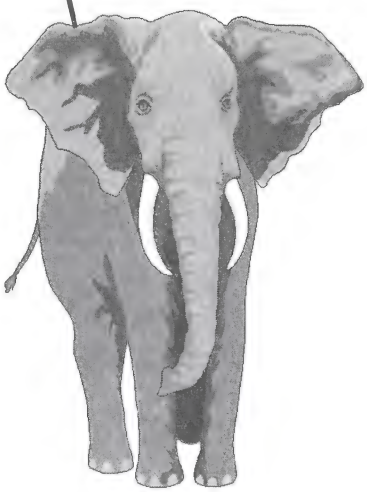


Fish

e) I am a strong slim animal. I have four legs. I love to run fast. I have a shrill funny voice.



Horse



Elephant

Answers. See upside down

a. Elephant
b. Bird
c. Fish
d. Duck
e. Horse

Clumsy Caterpillar

Clumsy Caterpillar needs your help. He needs you to give him a body. There are ten circles. Here's what you do:

* Draw over the dotted lines and give him a long body using all the ten circles.

* Give him a short body using just one circle.

* Try giving him a body like a triangle. Doesn't he look funny?

* Try giving him a body like a rectangle. He looks odd doesn't he?

Which would be the best shape for Clumsy Caterpillar to have? Why?
When you have finished use your colour pencils and colour Clumsy Caterpillar.

This short story is about the different parts of the body. It is a story about unity. When we are united we become strong and powerful. When we fight and argue, we become weak and powerless. Read what happens if different parts of your body start fighting.

The Belly and the Members

Some **members** of the body said, "We do all of the work and the **belly** gets all of the food!" They decided to **go on strike** to **force** the belly to do his fair share of the work. For two days, the legs did not walk to get food; the hands did not pick up any food; the mouth did not open to get food; and the teeth had no work to do. The members began to feel weak. The hands could hardly move. The mouth felt very dry. The teeth hurt. The legs were not able to hold up the body. They learned that the belly was just as important as the rest of them in his own quiet way.

Glossary

members: different parts like hands, legs, mouth and teeth
belly: stomach
go on strike: not to work
force: make

Exercises

1. In your exercise book, draw your belly. What does your belly do?
2. Draw your mouth. What does your mouth do?
3. Draw your teeth. What do your teeth do?
4. Draw your hands. What do your hands do?
5. Draw your legs. What do your legs do?
6. What are other parts of the body not mentioned in the story?
7. Is there any part of the body that is useless?

Write down in your own words the moral of the story.

Act out this story with your family. Use your imagination. Someone become the mouth. Another becomes the teeth. And so on. Read out the story aloud and clear as the actors play out their roles.

WORD TARGET

WIN EXCITING MYSTERY PRIZES

Each square contains a letter. All you have to do is to form as many words as you can using the letters in the squares. Read the rules below carefully before you start.

M	E	N
T	A	D
I	U	G

RULES

1. Every word you form must make use of the letter E
2. Words must be made up of THREE or more letters.
3. Proper nouns, slang words, abbreviations and plural words are not allowed.
4. YOU CANNOT REPEAT THE SAME LETTER TWICE in a word.
5. YOU CANNOT REPEAT THE SAME WORD TWICE.
6. Finally, every entry must contain ONE word formed from all the nine letters in the squares.
7. Write down all the words on a sheet of paper. Write clearly.
8. Entries must be accompanied by the contest coupon provided in page 28.

PRIZES

1. FIVE winners with the most number of correctly-formed words will EACH receive A MYSTERY PRIZE WORTH RM10.00
2. A **FREE** copy of QUEST will be sent to TEN others with the most number of correctly-formed words in each descending order of merit.

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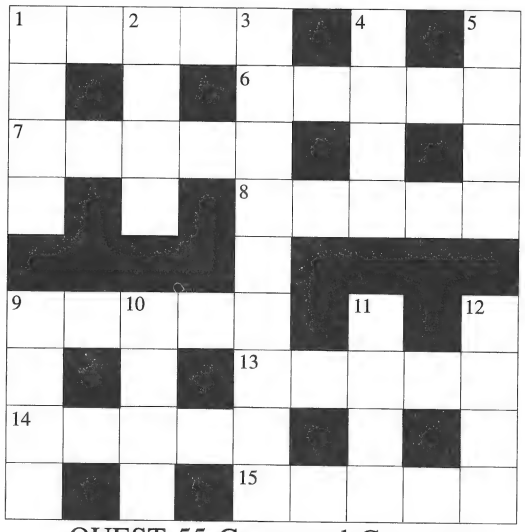
ACROSS

1. Perfect happiness (5)
6. Top of mounting (5)
7. Restrainer for dog (5)
8. Propose (5)
9. Precious stone (5)
13. Slang word for guy (5)
14. Spanish word for black (5)
15. To warble in falsetto tone (5)

DOWN

1. Child's plaything (4)
2. Persia (4)
3. Young male student (9)
4. One's own person (4)
5. Disturbance (4)
9. Girl's name (4)
10. Salary (4)
11. What one eats (4)
12. Hill (4)



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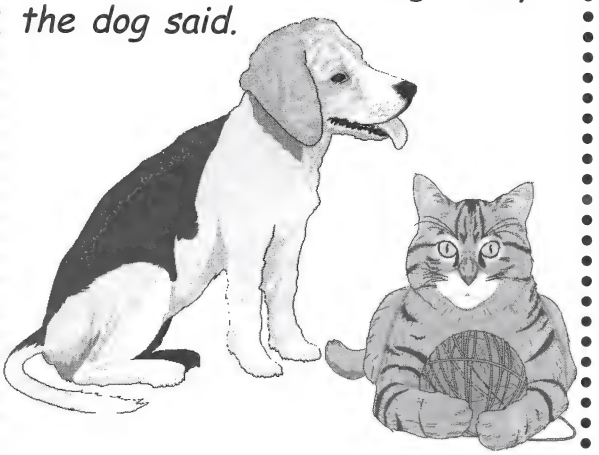

The Dog said:.....

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My name is:.....

I am.....years

I live at: .....

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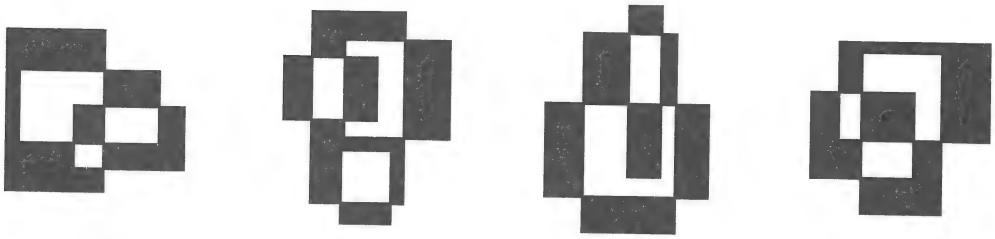
Which is the Odd One Out?

1.

a b c d

Answer::.....
Why?.....

2.



a b c d

Answer:.....
Why?.....

Answers. See upside down.

1. b The mirror image is on the right, but it is on the left in all the others.
2. b The pattern is made up of four overlapping rectangles, the other patterns are made of three.

@ and so here we go again with another article on computing by the laughing cat at the window (with Spark-Key's help).

The Spark-Key Column Version 3.8

Know Your FATs

The cat wonders if it's fat...

No, it doesn't think so - but computers are. What? Computers have fats? Well, yes, not fats but FATs (File Allocation Tables). What's that you say?

32 bits of FAT in me, 16 bits of FAT in you...

In DOS (Drive/Disc Operating System) days - that's old text-based computing (white text on black background) to those of you who were brought up in the Windows GUI (Graphical User Interface) era. Lots of fancy acronyms eh? Get used to it! The computing world is filled with it!

Anyway, the hard disc drive (those fixed drives found inside your computer where Windows, programmes, games, and your files are stored) needs a manager to handle all the files stored.

This is done by the File Allocation Table - basically, a table (not wood kind) that stores, or allocates, all the files stored on the drive in there.

This table is stored in the beginning of the drive and is updated when new files are added or removed. There are always two copies of a FAT - one for backup in case the primary gets corrupted. You don't have to do anything to manage this FAT, the drive does it for you but it helps knowing the types of FATs (and other file systems) out there. You may have to deal with them one day or in your lifetime, you never know...

So, tell me what FATs I have already?

DOS uses FAT16, that's basically 16-bit FAT. DOS, being a 16-bit OS (Operating System), can only handle 16-bit programmes and files. 16-bit is basically how files are managed, transferred and handled by the computer and processor.

Windows 3 and its various incarnations (like version 3.11) still utilise 16-bit since it's actually an environment, not operating system, that runs on top of DOS. Windows 95 (Windows version 4) was 32-bit, but still ran FAT16 due to the fact it had to maintain DOS together for compatibility reasons (many programmes and games still ran on DOS then and had not migrated to Windows environment yet). Windows 95 OSR 2 (Original Service Release 2), basically an updated Windows 95, also known as Windows 97, offered a utility to convert FAT16 to FAT32. Now you had an option to run on a fully 32-bit system - OS and drive storage system. Windows 98 came with FAT32 already and so did Windows 98 SE (Second Edition), once again an updated Windows 98. Windows ME (Millennium Edition) did not have DOS at the base prior to start-up and went straight into Windows, thus needing full 32-bit for FATs. Windows 2000 and Windows XP both support FAT32 as well in addition of NTFS.

NTFS? What's that?

Good question. Windows NT (New Technology) was developed by Microsoft as a more stable platform using Windows environment for business and those needing less game support and for more heavy usage. It came out as NT 3 (and version 3.51) using interface of Windows 3.11 until NT 4 came out, looking like Windows 95. NT 4 offered its own file system - NTFS. It did not support any other (like FAT32) and was limited to users with need for Windows NT only.

Bummer...

Yeah, it was. That's why with Windows 2000 (NT version 5 actually), Microsoft made it support both FAT32 and NTFS. It became popular (much more than NT 4 ever did). With Windows XP (NT version 5.1 actually - XP is an enhanced Windows 2000), this was maintained. You could now use, write and read FAT32 as well as NTFS.

So, what kind of FATs are these?

NTFS (New Technology File System) is more secure, robust and stable than FAT32 and is therefore the better platform to use (it's less vulnerable to viruses designed mainly for the FAT32 platform. The downside is that FAT32 systems cannot recognise NTFS files. Thus, it's more of an upgrade move. If you're upgrading your computer or installing XP, you're better off going with NTFS than FAT32 - unless you plan to have Windows 98 SE or ME running on the same PC. Many people do this because XP is still new and NT systems (like Windows 2000 and XP) have problems running some older games or programmes. So, they install Windows 98 SE or ME, then install Windows XP or 2000 and keep all as FAT32 so both the NT-based OS and FAT32 OS can read all the files stored in.

If you want to keep XP or 2000 in NTFS, you will have to install it on another drive in your PC,so, say drive C can be Windows ME in FAT32 while drive D has XP in NTFS. One drive can only hold one type of file system - you can easily partition it into two so each part holds one type of FAT.

Another advantage of NTFS - it uses the smallest storage space per file. FAT32 uses more and FAT16 can easily gobble up huge space on a huge drive. A NTFS 50GB drive can hold much more data than a FAT16 can. This is due to the New Technology used to allocate files, as expected, otherwise they won't call it NT, right?)

Virus Hit Chart 2002

What were the top 10 viruses of 2002? Take a look.

1. W32/Klez (Klez worm) 24.1%
2. W32/Bugbear (Bugbear worm) 17.5%
3. W32/Badtrans (Badtrans worm) 14.6%
4. W32/Elkern (Elkern virus) 4.6%
5. W32/Magistr (Magistr worm) 4.2%
6. W32/MyParty (MyParty worm) 2.2%
7. W32/Sircam (Sircam worm) 2.0%
8. W32/Yaha (Yaha worm) 1.9%
9. W32/Frethem-Fam (Frethem-Fam worm) 1.4%
10. W32/Nimda (Nimda worm) 1.2%

Others 26.3%

Have a Splashing Good Year!

Turn the tap and you get clean water. Simple, isn't it? Wait a minute. Have you ever thought where the water comes from? Don't care? Well, what if the source of the water dries up or becomes filthy because you abuse it? You don't?

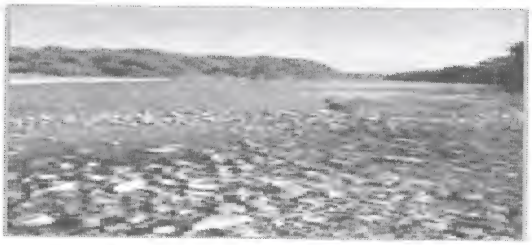
Think of the number of times you leave the tap running whilst brushing your teeth leisurely. Or the amount of water you use to rinse one spoon under the tap. Or a fruit. Or your hands and feet.

You pay for the water you use, did you say? And did you say it is the *Jabatan Bekalan Air*'s responsibility to provide you clean water each time you turn on the tap? Well, think again.Think about the source of the water. Suppose *Jabatan Bekalan Air* tells you that all the rivers have dried up how will you get water? Maybe you find that hard to believe.

Well, fortunately, there are people concerned about the future of our water resources - like Tajikistan. Tajikistan is a dry barren land in Central Asia and the people who live there are worried about other countries becoming as dry as theirs. So they asked the United Nations to create awareness of the importance of water among people in other countries. The UN agreed. The United Nations planned a campaign and got 148 other countries to support it.

In order to get people like us to think about our relationship with water the United Nations designated this year, 2003, as the **International Year of Freshwater.** This special year hopes to educate people around the world on the importance of protecting our freshwater sources like rivers and lakes.

The International Year of Freshwater gives us an opportunity to think about our dependence on freshwater and how it enables us to survive. The year 2003 also enables us to respect our water resources.



What if rivers dried up?

How do we do that? Well, think about our dependence on water.

No matter who we are, where we are, and what we do, water is so necessary for our survival. We - human beings, animals and plants - are all dependent on water. We need it every day in so many ways. Remember how you felt when water supply was temporarily cut off?

We need water to drink, take our baths, wash dirty cups, wash cars, water the garden and so on. We need water to stay healthy. We need it for growing food, for transportation, irrigation and industry. We need it for animals. We need it to keep our trees alive.

However, despite the importance of water resources in our lives and well-being, we are increasingly disrespectful of them. We abuse them. We waste them. We pollute them, forgetting how essential they are to our very survival.

Mend your ways. You don't want to live on a waterless planet, do you?

Something To Do

Based on the context of the sentences, write synonyms for the underlined vocabulary words. Use your dictionary if necessary.

WORDS	SYNONYMS
source	
filthy	
leisurely	
concerned	
resources	
barren	
create	
protecting	
survive.	
dependence	
disrespectful	
abuse	
waste	
pollute	
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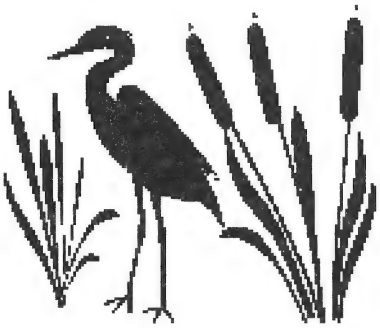
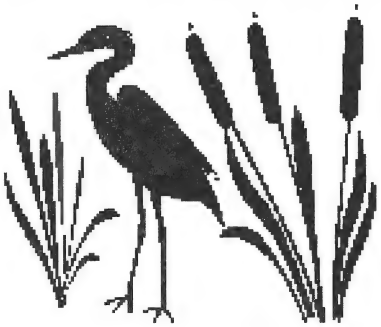
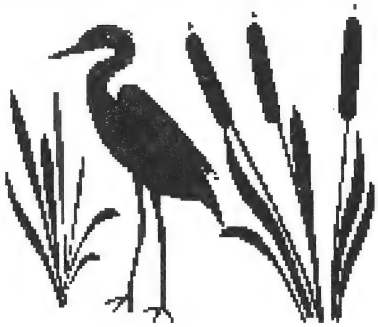






The Changing World of Movies

Gollum is the slimy creature in 'Lord of the Rings'. He prevents the Hobbits' efforts in protecting the Ring from evil while they take it to be destroyed. Although actor Andy Serkis acted as the slimy character, Gollum is computer-generated. For the role Serkis had to wear a special white suit covered in dots, which pin-pointed the joints in his body for a computer. Gollum's face was based on Serkis' own muscle structure which the computer used to create the creature's facial expressions.

The dots were fed through cameras to a computer with a computer-generated image of Gollum. Gollum talks in two different voices. Smeagal, the mild natured character. Gollum is the nasty creature he becomes.

Like Gollum, a lot of characters in today's movies rely heavily on computer-generated images. Like Gollum it is difficult to tell whether the characters are animated...or real people.

Some movies are entirely computer-generated. For example, films like 'Shrek' and 'Final Fantasy' are entirely derived from computers.

Decades ago movies were not only without colour but had no sound or dialogue. The 1930s decade is known as the Golden Age of Hollywood. Then 70s brought movies like 'Jaws' and 'Star Wars'.

The 80's saw new technologies like digital sounds. Movies became more expensive to make, and actors demanded high salary for their performances. Julia Roberts, for example, commands up to US$20 million per film. Is it any surprise that film producers are rushing to produce movies without actors?

The downside of making a movie without actors like 'Final Fantasy' is that it takes a long time to produce a movie. A typical Hollywood movie takes between 9-15 months. 'Final Fantasy' took two years to simply create the HyperReal system. And since time is money, human actors will still be around.

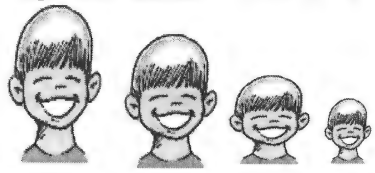
What else can you expect in movie production? Well, they are experimenting with new technological innovations. Theaters are expected to get bigger and more interactive. IMAX (the company that makes those giant 80-foot-tall viewing screens you usually see in science museums) is now exploring 'total immersion'. Motion simulators make you feel like you're taking a ride while you watch. Theater seats are equipped with hydraulic lifts that allow movement and rocking to go along with the events on screen.

Fancy an alien attack whilst in the theater? Don't be surprised!

Something To Think About

1. What do the underlined words mean?
2. How do old movies differ from today's movies like Harry Potter and Lord of the Rings?
2. Would you pay more money to see a movie with lots of technology?

Your BIRTH ORDER



Do you wonder why your eldest brother or sister is such a conscientious, well-organised person while you are an easy-going character? Do you often yell at your youngest sibling and tell him or her to stop tagging you around? Our personality is shaped by a lot of things. One of them is the order in which you were born. So says the book 'The Birth Order Effect: How to Better Understand Yourself and Others'.

The character of the eldest in the family is shaped by parental expectations, says Clifford Isaacson, the co-author of the book. The eldest child in the family often are conscientious, responsible and well-organised. They are perfectionists. They respect authority. It is no wonder that that parents and teachers love them!

It is natural that parents shower their first-born with a lot attention. Hence, first-borns develop the confidence to dream big and set goals. They become high-achievers. They choose intellectual careers. They become leaders.

More than half of the presidents of the United States have been first-borns. Two-thirds of entrepreneurs are first-borns. Two-thirds of the people in 'Who's Who' (a book about famous people) also are first-borns. Famous first-borns are Albert Einstein, William Shakespeare, ex-US President Truman, ex-US President Johnson, ex-US President Carter, US President George W. Bush, actor Harrison Ford, US politician Hillary Clinton and actor Brad Pitt.

What about me, the middle-one, you may ask? Well, be inspired by the likes of Britney Spears, Madonna, Tom Cruise, Tom Hanks, Johnny Carson, Mel Gibson, Charles Darwin, and David Letterman as role models. They are middle-borns and have done well in life.

Middle-borns develop a competitive streak in order to keep up with the older siblings. They are mentally tough, and independent. Ever watched the television programme 'Malcolm-in-the-Middle'? Malcom is the middle child. He is quiet and shy with an easy-going approach to life.

However, middle-borns learn quickly how to be flexible and diplomatic. They know how to make peace and are very generous and outgoing. Sometimes they become rebellious because they feel 'lost' in the middle. Middle-borns often lean toward artistic occupations – acting, graphic design, and outdoor jobs.

If you are the youngest in your family, you probably would have been spoiled by your older brothers and sisters. You enjoy the attention they shower upon you. They find you charming. So you manipulate them to doing things for you. The youngest also tend to be the one with the best new ideas. Famous last-borns include Cindy Crawford, Janet Jackson, Margaret Thatcher, Mahatma Gandhi and Jodie Foster.

Only children are self-assured, organised, ambitious, logical, and scholarly.They are confident and self-assured. Give an only child a task to do and it will be done thoroughly. Only children trust their own opinions and makes decisions well. They are wonderful problem-solvers. Without siblings, they tend to model themselves after their parents so even when young they can be perceived as 'little adults.' However, only children can be self-centered since they don't have to share parents or toys or a bedroom. Famous only children include Drew Barrymore, Albert Einstein and Tiger Woods.

Now that you know how that birth order can sometimes influence the way a person behaves, try to find ways to have a stronger bond with your siblings. Remember your birth order is only a rough guide. Your character is shaped largely by your own will, environment and proper guidance whilst growing.

New Year, New Teaching Tools

Notebook computers, LCD projectors, screens and interactive softwares – these are the new teaching tools for teaching Maths and Science in English to Year One and Form One students. The interactive software is aimed at stimulating students' thinking and are also activity-based.

RM85m Aid for Poor Pupils

The Government allocated RM85 million to assist poor students who cannot afford to go to school. More than 700,000 poor pupils received a cash aid of RM120 each. The money is to enable students to buy uniforms, schoolbags and other material needed in school. The aid is under the Poor Students Trust Fund.

Women Power

Women and Family Development Minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil has called on women to take the lead to ensure children are able to master English, the international language of knowledge. She said children, who are the country's future leaders, would then be able to communicate with the rest of the world.

Shahrizat said her ministry would assist the National Council of Women's Organisations and other non-governmental organisations to realise the Education Ministry's efforts to teach Maths and Science in English.

Shahrizat said this was part of the Ministry's capacity building efforts for women. 'Women who master English, would do well, not only in Mathematics and Science but in other disciplines,' she said after launching the 'training the trainers' workshop for 40 State-level representatives. She said these representatives would in turn train the other volunteers in their respective States.

Last Year's PMR

A total of 419,943 students sat for the PMR exam which was held from Oct 14-17. Of the number, 91.6% were from government schools, 4.1% from state government schools and other bodies, 4% from private schools and 0.3% were private candidates.

Embrace Change

Education Ministry Director-General Datuk Abdul Rafie Mahat urged teachers and parents to fully support changes in the education system. 'We have to embrace change. I know there are many who are resisting this programme for fear that it may fail. However, we have to change our mindset to accept new approaches,' he said.

He added that every education system changes from time to time. 'We want our children to benefit not only by being more proficient in English but also to make full use of technology. That is why we have incorporated ICT (information and communication technology) in the classroom,' he said.

Work Together for Peace

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said Muslims and non-Muslims must work together for peace. He said this at a symposium called 'Islam: Fostering Peace and Dialogue in an Interdependent World' at the United Nations University in Japan last year. He said, the Palestine conflict had been misrepresented as a religious war. He said it was a territorial dispute resulting from the creation of Israel by taking Arab land.

The Prime Minister said it was not Islam, as a religion, that caused terrorism but the oppression, the humiliation and the abuses of the Muslims in the world. 'The Muslims have been expelled from their homes and land, humiliated, bombed and killed with impunity. And the net result is anger, bitterness and frustration. The net result, simply stated, is their terror attacks', he added.

He said the world would never be able to foster peace and dialogue for as long as both sides of a dispute were set on seeking revenge.

Be understanding

The world community should practise religious understanding instead of using religion as a tool to divide the people, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said. He added that despite the peace preached by all religions of the world, humanity had not mastered the skills and the capacity to live at peace with each other.

He said in his speech when opening the 22nd World Fellowship of Buddhists and 13th World Fellowship of Buddhist Youth general conferences in Shah Alam last year.

'When it suits us we are ready to forget religious injunctions or at times to reinterpret religion in order to justify wars,' he added.

Hunt for Deadly Poison

Police in north London found a deadly poison in a Victorian terraced flat.The poison, ricin, is so deadly that less than a milligram can kill if ingested, inhaled or injected. The police fear the large amounts of the poison could be in the hands of extremists in Britain or abroad. Doctors around the country were on alert for the flu-like symptoms linked to ricin.

Britain – considered to be a particular target for attacks because of its strong support for the U.S.-led 'war on terror' - has repeatedly warned that its population could be targeted.

World Alert on Smallpox

Australia and the United States are among the countries that are taking precautions against smallpox, just in case terrorists use the disease as a biological weapon. Military personnel as well as health-care and emergency workers are being innoculated against the disease, which was declared eradicated two decades ago but now maybe a threat during possible war with Iraq. Military personnel and health workers top the list, because they are the first to respond in war. Australia is keeping smallpox medicines in the event of a bio-terrorism attack.

A major consideration is the health dangers of the vaccine. The vaccine has risks. Smallpox was eradicated from the world 22 years ago, but there are fears that samples held in laboratories could have been passed to terrorist groups.

Get Smart the Smart Way!

Getting smart doesn't necessarily involve drugs or a trip to the mind spa. Studies show that you perform your best when you are well rested. well fed, and relaxed. Your brain is like a muscle. If you exercise your intelligence you will increase it. So the best single thing you can do is to read challenging material, write, to solve puzzles and play chess.

Something to Think About

1. Why do school education system change?
2. Why has Datuk Abdul Rafie Mahat asked us to embrace change in the education system?
3. What happens to a student who cannot afford to go to school?
4. Where does the largest number of PMR students come from?
5. Why has Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil called on women to ensure that their children are able to master English?
6. Who said 'the world would never be able to foster peace and dialogue for as long as both sides of a dispute were set on seeking revenge'?
7. What is a territorial dispute?
8. What causes terrorism?
9. Why have people not learnt to live with each other?
10. What is a bioterrorist attack?
11. How is America preparing to respond to a potential bioterrorist attack?
12. How is Australia preparing to respond to a potential bioterrorist attack?
13. What is a vaccine? Are there risks involved?
14. How does smallpox spread? Does it still occur in the world today?
15. What are the symptoms of ricin poisoning?
16. How can you improve your intelligence?

ANSWERS

APOSTROPHE, PAGE 6

1. Nizam's shoes need to be washed.
2. The women's clothes are on the second floor.
3. His three brothers' grades were excellent.
4. My brother-in-law's business is doing very well.
5. My grandfather and grandmother's house is by the river.
6. I don't know but I'm sure he'll understand who is right.
7. You didn't do that, did you?
8. You shouldn't have gone there.
9. Bell-bottom trousers were the trend in '60.
10. I am hoping to get seven A's in my PMR.
11. There are three 5's on this ticket.

English Through Songs, page 8

1. You record songs in a studio, don't you?
2. It is obvious that she was lying.
3. Ahmad sang a Japanese song on International Day.
4. Did you say she is not good enough for him?
5. I have lost so much weight that all my clothes are baggy.
6. When she puts on make-up she looks pretty.
7. If you are stuck up you are proud.
8. Stop dreaming and come down to earth.
9. How much is that antique clock worth?
10. 'See you later', I said.
11. My dog always tags along with me when I go jogging.
12. I used to know him a long time ago.
13. We saw a space movie at the planetarium.
14. Hundreds of fans rushed up to singer after the show.
15. I wrote a long letter to my penpal in Turkey.
16. He was strumming his guitar as I walked in.
17. My parents are still very much in love with each other after being married for 20 years.
18. I used eye-drops to remove redness from my eye.
19. When I leave school I'd like to travel and see the world.
20. I am glad my parents helped me to solve my problem.

Idioms, page 9

1. We were **chilled to the marrow** when we arrived at the peak of Mt Kinabalu.
2. Siti NorDiyana is an **up-and-coming** young artiste in Malaysia.
3. **Zero hour** to attack the country was midnight on 30 March.
4. The thief promised to **turn over a new leaf** after leaving the prison.
5. A lot of food **went down the drain** when guests failed to turn up for the wedding.
6. The child's suffering **touched a chord** in the old man's heart.
7. The meeting ended in a **punch-up** and the police had to be called in.
8. If you start saving your money now you will have a nice **nest-egg** when you start college.
9. **Let bygone be bygones** this new year and begin a new life.
10. Search for the missing child **drew a blank.**

That's Not Right- lah!

1. A chair can't stand on three legs, can it?
2. Did the noise frighten you?
3. They did nothing until the ambulance came.
4. Didn't anybody teach you how to behave?
5. May I borrow your pen?
6. The buses are quite full at five o'clock.
7. I can't stand the heat.
8. What is the matter with her?
9. You don't know the answer, do you?
10. These things don't belong to you, do they?
11. Do you have to go now?
12. Somebody must have taken my book while I was out.
13. I don't believe her, do you?
14. The nasi lemak is hot, isn't it?
15. My father works at the factory.
16. Where is he going now?
17. What are you doing there?
18. I don't go there very often.
19. What have you been doing while I was out?
20. Alina has gone to shop.

Reading for Understanding, page 12/13

1. They creep about silently.
2. Because Bilbo crept quietly and had slipped the ring before he started.
3. Yes, because spiders catch dwarves in their spider-webs and kill them.
4. They were speaking in a thin creaking voice and hissing.
5. That though the dwarves have thick skins, they are juicy to eat.
6. To see if Bombur was dead.
7. No, he was still alive.
8. Bombur kicked the spider and the spider fell off the branch.
9. He was going to kill Bombur.
10. Bilbo started to throw stones at the spider. One stones hit the spider on its head and it fell to the ground. Another stone hit a big web and a spider that was in the midst of it.
11. Yes, because he saw he had a good chance of saving Bombur. Bilbo was also good at games that included aiming and throwing.

Language Games, page 14

Phrases and Beginnings

a. Hobbits are clever at quietness
b. There was a noise like the kicking of a flabby football
c. They were talking about the dwarves.
d. Bilbo soon slipped away to a different place
e. Bilbo was a pretty fair shot with a stone
f. The stone struck plunk on the head.
g. The air seemed full the spider of waving snares.
h. The next stone went whizzing through a big web

cont...

Conjunctions

The spiders neither saw nor heard him coming **because** Bilbo had slipped on his ring.
When Bilbo saw the spiders sitting in the tree, he trembled with fear.
While he stood behind a tree he watched the spiders for some time.
The stone went whizzing through a big web **and** it snapped its cords.
The spiders forgot the dwarves **after** Bilbo had thrown the stones.
The spider went to the fattest of these bundles **where** there was a nose sticking out.
If Bilbo was going to rescue the dwarves Bilbo was going to die in the attempt.
Although Bilbo's stone had not hit the spider on the head Bombur would have been killed.
The spiders came quickly running towards the hobbit **but** the spiders were unable to catch the hobbit.
Bilbo was terrified **but** he was determined to rescue the dwarves.

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Word Puzzle

1. EMPTY
2. GEESE
3. FREAK
4. MISER
5. SHADE
6. THIEF
7. CREAM
8. BEAST
9. ERASE
10. DWARF

Word Chains

FLOUR	SALE
FLOOR	SOLE
FLOOD	SORE
BLOOD	FORE
BROOD	FORM
BROAD	FOAM
BREAD	LOAM
	LOOM
	ROOM

True or False?

1.	A cat has four legs.	B
2.	Cows eat chicken.	I
3.	Wood is lighter than stone.	R
4.	A baby dog is called a puppy.	D
5.	The sun gives solar energy.	S
6.	Shakespeare wrote The Lord of the Rings.	H
7.	Your trachea is called the windpipe.	A
8.	The euro is a currency.	V
9.	Elvis Presley is still alive.	E
10.	The national flower of Malaysia is the Orchid.	W
11.	Pulau Langkawi is also known as the Isles of Legends	I
12.	The Niah Caves are in Sabah.	N
13.	Carrots contain Vitamin A.	G
14.	Witty means clever and humourous	S

Did you know your answers read 'Birds Have Wings'?

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ENTERTAINMENT QUIZ ★

So you think you know everything about the world of entertainment? Let's see if you have been keeping abreast of what's happening in the entertainment world.

1. Who is this character in the film, Two Towers?
   a. Merry
   b. Pippin
   c. Frodo

1.

2. Where does Avril Lavigne comes from?
   a. Australia
   b. France
   c. Canada

3. Which singer is this?
   a. Ashanti
   b. Norah Jones
   c. Jennifer Lopez

3

4. Britney Spears' romance with this singer broke up. Who is he?
   a. Justin Timberlake
   b. Jon Bon Jovi
   c. Nick Carter

4

5. Who is the actor who played Harry Potter?
   b. Timothy Jones
   b. Daniel Radcliffe
   c. Jonathan Sinclair

Answers. See upside down.

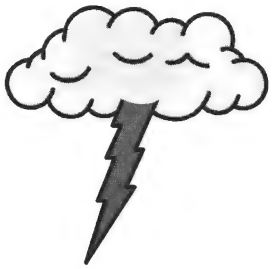
1. Frodo
2. Canada
3. Norah Jones
4. Justin Timberlake
5. Daniel Radcliffe

Give yourself 10 marks for each correct answer. Grade yourself. How did you score?

***Lau Yi Vun,** 13, from **SMJK (C) Chung Hwa, Kelantan** uses her powers of observation in writing this interesting piece...*

A Rainy Day

The sky grew darker. Ominous dark clouds started to take its place. Thunder was rumbling in the distance. Even the sun was afraid to come out.



Suddenly, torrential rain pelted down eagerly, saturating the earth below them. Squirrels scampered quickly into their holes while frogs were hopping and singing merrily at the pond. Some of the boys were still playing football on the field. They were completely drenched in the rain.

In the town, hawkers were unable to continue their business as customers had gone to restaurants to look for shelter. So, they cursed angrily at the sudden rain. The supermarket was seething with people as Chinese New Year was approaching. Salesgirls were busy serving their customers. Business was rapid in the supermarket.

On the street, you could see different colours of umbrellas carried by people. They looked like mushrooms with their opened umbrellas. Those who didn't have an umbrella, put on their raincoats and held them tightly to their body.

Suddenly a strong gust of wind howled angrily, causing trees along the street to agitate anxiously. Luckily their roots clutched strongly to the ground to prevent them from falling.

A few hours later, the rain stopped. The dark clouds disappeared. The sun shone brightly and a beautiful rainbow emerged throughout the sky. People continued their business as usual.

This contribution comes from ***Chang Kim Foong****, 13, from* ***SMK Batu Lintang, Sarawak.***

A Letter to a Friend

Dear Andrew,

Hi! How are you? I hope you're doing fine.
As for me, I have been rather busy with my school activities. In fact, I would like to tell you about my school's Canteen Day which has just passed.

The Canteen Day was held on 5 October 2002 at the school field. It started at 10.00am and finished at 5pm. It was a rather grand affair as there were many events and activities. There was a story-telling competition and a drawing competition. I entered the drawing competition and won the consolation prize. The seniors organised something unusual which was a Haunted House. It was rather frightening. My friends and I were screaming when we saw 'ghosts' and 'zombies' pretending to attack us.

Besides that, there were many stalls set up by different classes. There were local and western food stalls, a cake stall and an ice kacang stall. The other stalls were selling books and magazines, sports equipment and flowers. There was also a stall for people to request songs. In one stall, we could actually design our own T-shirts. I designed one for myself and the artist made it come out beautifully on the T-shirt.

Well, I think I'll stop here for now. Please write to me soon, okay? I woud really like to hear what's new with you. Until then, Bye!

Yours sincerely

Theresa

Cool!

Hey, you cool dudes and babes out there! Have you ever thought what it really means to be 'cool'? Did you say it means a rebellious, 'I don't care' attitude? Think again!

A recent study says to be 'cool' today means 'loyalty, empathy and sensitivity towards others'. That means no ugly behaviour... you know like being rude, rough, unkind and so on. That's not cool, okay?

Now who are the cool dudes and babes around the world? You'd be surprised to know that it is not just cool young things like Kylie Minogue and Brad Pitt. According to psychologist Adam Ferrier, Albert Einstein is cool. So is Gandhi, Nelson Mandela and Pele.

Adam Ferrier set out to find out why some people are cool, and others uncool, for his masters thesis at the University of Western Sydney. He asked Australians aged 18 to 26 what factors are associated with being cool among famous people. The participants listed self belief, defiance of convention, understated achievement, care of others, and energy and sociability. So if you have all or some of these qualities, take a bow. You are one cool kid.

Ferrier says Nelson Mandela, Minogue and Einstein were picked because they defied convention to pursue their passions. Simply put if you rebel just to annoy people around you, you are not cool. But if you rebel because you want to achieve something good for the people then you are cool.

How did all this thing about being cool start? Ferrier says when Africans were first brought to America as slaves, they coped with the indignity of slavery by not showing their emotions. They showed defiance to their masters by maintaining a cool body language.

The cool body language became fashionable when pop stars like Elvis Presley, James Dean and Marlon Brando in the 1950s copied it.

Then in the 1960s, the hippies mixed 'being cool' with flower power, love, drugs and free sex. Punk rock moved next with 'being cool' as having 'being rebellious against authorities'. Then the kind of 'defiant attitude started to take shoot among young Afro-Americans living in ghettos of the United States. Disappointed, disillusioned, unable to have a decent home, education or future the young Afro-Americans began to rebel against the older generation, teachers, the police and anyone who stands for authority. It became 'cool' to have a rebellious 'I don't care attitude'.

Now, Mr Ferrier says, "being cool is no longer about having an attitude that says 'I don't care'. Today, being cool means 'I care enough' to 'make a difference in other people's lives'. Princess Diana, with her compassion and sensitivity for others was regarded by the survey participants as a cool person.

So, who's cool around you? Your parents, you, teachers, friends?

Can you solve their problems?

I love guy Q. He loves me, too. Another guy (J) wants my attention. I try to avoid him. Last Valentine's Day, J showed up at my house with chocolates and roses - just minutes before Q arrived. Q was hurt by what he saw.

Now J thinks he has claims over me. I've tried explaining to Q but he wouldn't listen. I can't bear losing Q. Please help me.

Ayesha

I have a crush on guy W. He is caring and funny. W's best friend (A) told me he loves me too. I accept A as my boyfriend, since I thought W liked me only as a friend. W felt upset when he came to know about it. He told me. he loved me the moment he saw me but did not have courage to tell me earlier. The problem is I love both W and A too. But I don't want to hurt their feelings nor do I want to break their friendship with each other. W is an ordinary boy. A is too good to be true. What should I do?

I am 16. I have five siblings. My eldest sister passed away recently. Her husband is very sad because he loved her very much and she was pregnant with their first child when she died. My parents are very sad too. My sister was the apple of my parents' eyes. She was very nice to everyone and everyone loved her. My parents keep thinking of her and cry everyday. What should I do?

Crying Girl

My boyfriend broke up with me because he wanted to concentrate on his studies. Now he won't even talk to me. I want him back. Please tell me how to get him back.

Girl

I'm very very sad because my boyfriend of seven months has broken up with me. I really need your help to get us together again. I cry every night. I have never been so sad before in my life. I miss him more than ever. He was a really nice guy, but now he doesn't even want to talk to me anymore. He broke up with me because he wanted to concentrate in his study and not because of another girl. Good guys like him are really hard to find. Besides of telling me to move on and forget about him and concentrate on my studies, can you please show me a way of getting him back?

Gurl

'S' and I have been going out for a year now. She's the first girl I really loved,and she's the first girl that I've been with for more than a year, unlike others who lasted a week or so. S and I had lots of laughs and fun. We never argued. This year, however, we have been fighting and quarelling oftenly.

Sometimes it's because of her. Sometimes it's because of me. To be frank,I'm an egoistic type of person. Even though I know it's my fault, I'll find it hard to say sorry. Hey,I'm a dude. That's normal for a dude right? But I love her and don't wan't to lose her. I can't stand looking at her broken heart everytime we quarrel. I tried talking to her, but it never works. I feel like breaking up with her, but I don't wan't to see her with another guy. What should I do? Break up? I've tried seeking advice from everyone that I know but my efforts are in vain. I hope you can help me. Thanks for your time.

Worried Sick

Reply to last issue's problem ...

Dear Confused Galz,

You should try to make time for each thing especially your studies since you are sitting for your PMR. But you should not only spend time on your studies only. Make time for your piano lessons as well. if you feel that you can't make up your mind on what to do, try drawing out a timetable. If you really want to spend time with your boyfriend, friends and family, you can do that in your leisure time when you are not studying or practising your piano. In my opinion, at 14, you should focus on your studies and things that are good for you. If you can manage your time well, you can balance love, studies and friends without bursting under pressure. Anyway, hope things will work out for you. Good luck and all my best wishes.

- Angel.

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I am **Arifah bt Mohamed** from Maahad Muhammadi Perempuan, Kota Bharu. My special message goes to my lovely parents and siblings, my close friend, Gee and ct (SMKA Melor), Haz (SM Puteri), Atar, Ah, Tie, Ira, Zanna, and Shatun. 'Let's do our best in SPM 2003' and also to my beloved friends, Asyraf (Penang), Nazri, Iskandar, and Jazz. My message is 'We're friends forever and good luck for your entire life. I love you all. Thank you.

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Bueno!! I am **Nurul Amiera bt. Asli** from SMKA Sheikh Abdul Malek.I would like to send my dedications to Abah, Mama, Kakna (congatulations 8As PMR) Jat, Aim, Aizu, my bestfriend Nadirah, Nasiha, Gee, Lyaa, Raihana, Hasna (thanks for being there for me) my penpals, Yuppy (Perak), Stephanie (Sarawak), Shirlene (US) and all my classmates of Year 6 Amanah Batch 2002. My message is 'Study hard. It is the key to wisdom. Friends forever.'

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Hi!I am **Hafiza Hamat** from SMT Pasir Mas. I would like to dedicate this message to my beloved friends Hanisah, K.La, K.Yah, Ikmal and all my classmate in 4PD1 (Keep our sweet memories), my brothers, A.Apih and A.Phoje (You're never too far), also my dormmate 1C2 (I love you all). May God bless you and thanksfor being there for me!

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Are you adjusting well in school? Have you made new friends? Are you enjoying your lessons? You should be because learning new things is an exciting adventure! Keep your letters coming. Love hearing those funny experiences in school.
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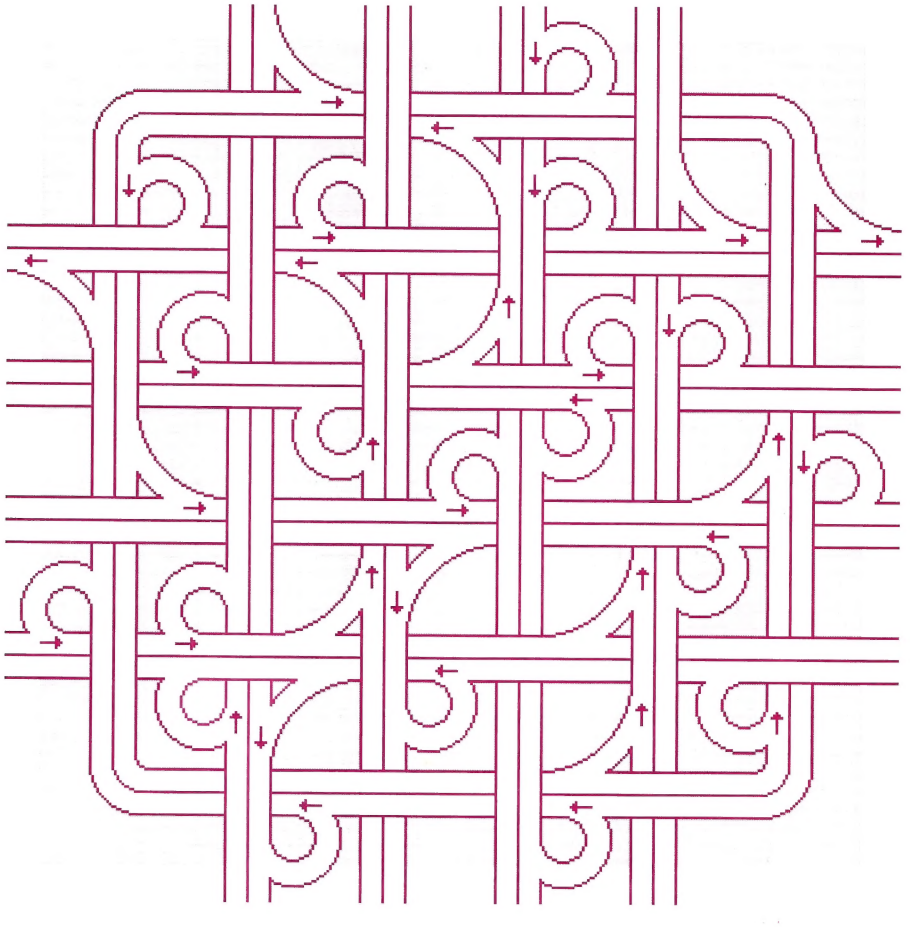

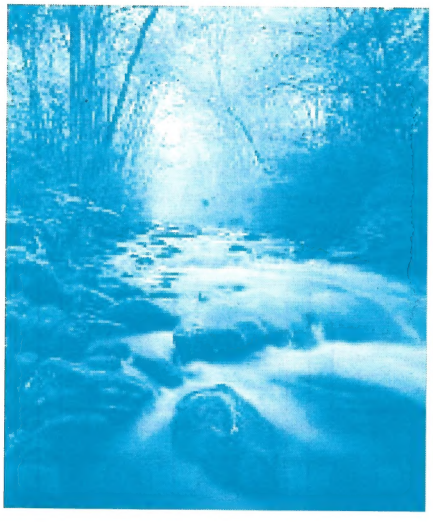

Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.

Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is a barren field
Frozen with snow.

Langston Hughes